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SUBJ: HOST GOVERNMENT CONSTRAINTS ON SCIENTISTS DOING RESEARCH  
ON DNA/RNA RECOMBINANTS

REF: OTTAWA 4762; STATE 298844

1. CONTINUING RESEARCH REVEALS NO REPEAT NO FORMAL LEGAL ACTS  
WHICH WOULD RESTRAIN RESEARCH ON DNA/RNA RECOMBINANTS OR OTHER  
FORMS OF GENETIC MANIPULATION OTHER THAN NORMAL RESEARCH PRO-  
TOCOL REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF CHECKING HERE IN  
OTTAWA ON POSSIBLE PROVINCIAL RESTRICTIONS OR VOLUNTARY MORA-  
TORIUMS AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL WHICH MAY EXIST. IN VIEW OF  
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SITUATION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY IS THAT

SIMILAR ABSENCE OF LAWS OR REGULATIONS EXIST AT PROVINCIAL LEVELS AND ANY RESTRICTION IN EFFECT WOULD THEREFORE BE OF A VOLUNTARY NATURE INSTITUTED BY INDIVIDUAL FACILITIES.

2. EMBASSY IS QUERYING FOUR CONGENS WHERE LARGEST CONCENTRATION CANADIAN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EXISTS, AND IF ANYTHING DEVELOPS WILL REPORT.

3. MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE IS IN FINAL STAGES OF DRAFTING REGULATIONS ON DNA/RNA RECOMBINANTS RESEARCH WHICH WHEN ADOPTED WILL APPLY TO ALL RESEARCH IN WHICH THERE MAY BE MRC FUNDING. REGULATIONS SHOULD COME INTO EFFECT APPROXIMATELY MID-YEAR. CANADIAN APPROACH CURRENTLY APPEARS TO PARALLEL RECENT NIH REGULATIONS.

4. NEITHER EMBASSY NOR MRC ARE AWARE OF ANY CANADIAN FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD AT THIS TIME. MRC ANTICIPATES THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE RESEARCH GETTING UNDER WAY PROBABLY THIS CALENDAR YEAR.  
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